California Climate Action Registry Second Public Workshop on Draft Updated Forest Protocol

The California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) invites you to participate in the second workshop to discuss the draft update to the CCAR forest project protocol.

The Air Resources Board adopted the CCAR forest protocols in October 2007 as non-regulatory quantification methods for purposes of voluntary greenhouse gas accounting. The Board directed ARB staff to work with CCAR to initiate a process to update the protocols in order to encourage broader forest sector involvement and reduce potential barriers to participation. CCAR created the Forest Protocol Workgroup, which has been meeting for over a year to work toward those goals, and to further improve other aspects of the protocol.

This is the second of two public workshops. At the first public workshop, on December 5, 2008, the Forest Protocol Workgroup presented updates that had been finalized over the past year. This second workshop will focus on the updated wood products component of the protocol.

CCAR welcomes all public participation and comments. The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Location: Sierra Hearing Room

Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters

1001 "I" Street (2nd floor) Sacramento, California 95814

The workshop agenda, presentation, and a link to the draft forest protocol update will be posted prior to the workshop meeting at ARB's Forest Protocol website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/forestry/forestry_protocols/forestry_protocols.htm.

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live internet webcast with audio and video will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2009 at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast. The webcast audience will have the opportunity to submit questions and comments by email at: sierrarm@calepa.ca.gov. We recommend you download the presentation prior to the workshop and follow the proceedings with the audio-only option.

You may receive notification of upcoming ARB activities and public meetings related to forestry and AB 32 by joining ARB's Forestry electronic mailing list: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/forestry/forestry.htm, or, for activities and meetings more generally related to climate change, sign up for ARB's Climate Change electronic mailing list at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm.

Directions to Cal/EPA Headquarters and public transit information can be found at the California Environmental Protection Agency's web site at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm. If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Ms. Karen Snyder as soon as possible, via phone at (916) 322-5350, or e-mail at ksnyder@arb.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have questions, please contact John Nickerson at (707) 468-8529, or john@climateregistry.org.